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## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-22. Applicant has cancelled Claims 23-29 without prejudice or disclaimer to their prosecution in a divisional application. Therefore, Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-22 remain pending for consideration. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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